



Suncoast Information Specialists Info

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FLA Conference 2016!

Mark your calendars. The conference will be held in Daytona Beach 29 February – 3 March.

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to host Carmel Kitchen & Wine Bar!

Did You Know?

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FLA Fundraisers

Please consider donating wine/beer/themed items for FLA Scholarships. Information below!

Upcoming Meeting

When: Monday, 15 February, 2016

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Where: USF Tampa Main Library
4202 E. Fowler Ave, LIB122
Tampa, Florida 33620

Directions: <http://www.lib.usf.edu/about/maps-directions/>

Program: Wikipedia and Librarians: Saving the World One Edit at a Time. (FYI: Bring wine/beer for FLA wine/beer toss, info below).

Cost: \$5-10.50, optional, see meeting page below for info

RSVP: <http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting>

Questions?: Please contact Jenny Tolbert at thebookishbull@gmail.com

December Meeting Overview

The December meeting is our end of the year social where members and guests mingle, eat great food, drink delicious beverages, and be merry. Thanks everyone for another great year in SIS!

Meeting minutes can be found here:

<http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting/minutes>

Meeting photos can be found here:

<http://www.suninfospec.org/photos>

Tidbits

- **Call for submissions for library patrons who are writers and artists:** *805*, a literary and art journal published by the Manatee County Public Library System, seeks original works of fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and art. We seek works that are unexpected, striking, and moving.

We accept submissions from residents of Manatee County as well as the rest of the universe, and especially encourage emerging authors and artists to submit. *805* is published online, quarterly. **For a flyer to advertise this opportunity to your patrons, go to <http://bit.do/805flyer>.** Please note, staff can also submit their works. Read and submit to *805* for free at www.805lit.org.

- **Caroline Reed will be honored at the upcoming 2016 Florida Library Association Conference as the FLA Leader of the Year.**

Each year the Awards Committee selects an FLA member as their Leader of the Year. The purpose of this award is to recognize a member of the Florida Library Association for distinguished service to the Association. This award is given to a member based on their accomplishments either during the current year or during several years of activity. Distinguished service is characterized by dedicated commitment to the Association's goals through active membership on committees, attendance at conferences, support of statewide advocacy efforts, submissions to the Association's publications, acceptance of leadership roles, or other significant activities on behalf of the Association and its aims.

Events

- The **City of Bartow has a Main Street Science Fiction** event **Saturday Feb. 20th** called SyFy and the Bartow Library is looking to host some of the displays and activities for the event.
- **Those with questions about hiring an attorney or need assistance with other legal matters may be interested in an upcoming free workshop.**

On Wednesday, **Jan. 27 the Jan Platt Library** in South Tampa will host **"Ask-A-Lawyer" at 7 p.m.** During the hour and a half presentation, local attorneys from Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. will present an overview of civil legal topics such as family law, powers of attorney, landlord-tenant issues and home ownership.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library is located at 3910 S. Manhattan Ave., Tampa. For more information, call (813)273-3652.

FLA 2016 Fundraiser Opportunities

Silent Auction

Please consider donating items for the FLA Silent Auction. They are looking for; baskets, jewelry, book readers, food packages, handcrafts, technology-related gifts, beverage packages, books etc!

Complete the [donation form](#) and drop off your items at the Registration Desk at the Conference by Noon on Tuesday, 1 March.

Wine/Beer Toss, FLA Fundraiser

SIS members who will not be going to the FLA Conference can still donate! Fill out the [donation form](#) and bring your wine or beer (22oz) to the 15 February SIS Meeting. Caroline Reed, FLA Scholarship Committee Member, will collect the wine/beer at the meeting and will transport them to the conference.

Please remember 100% of profits made from these fundraisers go towards library school student scholarships.

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SIS Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the winners of 2016's SIS ALA/FLA Conference Scholarship! Details below!

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to host USF Tampa Library and speakers Katherine Ahnberg, Andrew Beman-Cavallaro, Robert Fernandez, James E Scholz.

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Book Review

Review by our Treasurer, Ann Marie Maloney. This month, The Atomic Weight of Love by Elizabeth J. Church.

Upcoming Meeting

When: Monday, 25 April, 2016

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Where: SouthShore Regional Library
15816 Beth Shields Way
Ruskin, Florida 33573-4903

Directions: <http://www.hcplc.org/hcplc/locations/sho/>

Program: TBD

Cost: \$5-10.50, optional, see meeting page below for info

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February Meeting Overview

After a tour of the USF Library (so many changes/upgrades!) with Barbara Lewis, Assistant Director of Digital Learning Initiatives, members and guests were treated to an extensive presentation on Wikipedia. Our talented speakers (see Special Thanks) discussed Wikipedia as a learning tool, an engagement opportunity, research device and much more! Wikipedia has evolved greatly since its inception 15 years ago.

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Tidbits

- On January 6, 2016, **SIS member Joan Zacharias was appointed to the Hillsborough County Public Library Board** to fill a vacancy in District 2. She is a USF alumnus (Class of 2014), currently employed in another field (media research), but looking for her special niche in the library community. Howard Harris was also appointed at the same BOCC meeting, he is from District 3.
- Saint Leo University's **Jane Mason Adamson**, PhD, graduate programs professor, and **Sandra Lee Hawes**, Online Services Librarian, **will present** their contributed paper, "**Flipping Out Over Online Library Instruction--A Case Study in Faculty-Librarian Collaboration**," at the upcoming **17th Distance Library Services Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, on April 20, 2016**. The paper will be published in the conference proceedings issue of the Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. Additionally, they have been accepted to contribute a chapter, "Best Intentions--Applying Instructional Design Principles to Online Library Instruction," to the forthcoming Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) book, Creative Approaches to Instructional Design in Libraries: Moving From Theory to Application, scheduled for publication later this year.
- **Change of address for Suncoast Information Specialists:**

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SIS's 2016 ALA/FLA Conference Scholarship Winners!

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 SIS FLA/ALA Scholarships. We have awarded two student scholarships and two librarian/staff scholarships to attend the conference of their choice: FLA 2016 Annual Conference in Daytona Beach (February 29 - March 3) or ALA Annual Conference in Orlando (June 23 - June 28).

Student Winners

Sila Lott, FSU
Carrie Cullen, USF

Librarian/Library Staff Winners

Paul Wartenberg, Bartow Public Library
Jaime Goldman, Nova Southeastern University - Oceanography Library

All of the applicants showed a strong commitment towards the library profession. Each scholarship will be for \$200.00 to cover conference-related expenses.

A special thanks to my colleagues William Harris and Ann Marie Maloney who served on the Scholarship Committee. Without their help, this program would not be a success.

This is the 9th year that SIS has provided the financial support for this very important project. With these scholarships we are supporting the professional activities and learning opportunities for

both students who will soon be working as professional librarians and those already in the profession.

After the conferences, awardees will write about their experiences in an upcoming SIS newsletter. We look forward to their reports.

Again, congratulations to Sila, Carrie, Paul and Jaime.

Hal Harmon, SIS Scholarship Committee

Book Reviews w/Ann Marie Maloney

The Atomic Weight of Love by Elizabeth J. Church

To be published in early May, 2016

This is a lovely novel that shows the extraordinary changes that occurred when women's opportunities increase during WWII and the impact made on all areas of life and work. Unfortunately, many people want the old pre-war lifestyle to come back once the war is over. Meridian is a very intelligent woman in undergrad school. Her area of interest is birds. She is offered a place in grad school to continue her work. However, her personal life has become complicated. She has fallen in love with a physics professor many years her senior.

Her love for the professor, and his constant urging, lead her to follow him to a mysterious area of the country for an unnamed, secret job. They go to Los Alamos, New Mexico. Now of course we all know what work was being done in Los Alamos (creation of the atomic bomb). At the time, every aspect of the project was shrouded in secrecy. Meridian is forced to live a life she does not want. The other women do not appear very interested in education, but instead have accepted their roles as housewives and helping hands to their husbands and children. Meridian's dream of a PhD grows dimmer. She and her husband are losing the connection they once had. He cannot discuss his work, is exhausted and has little left to offer Meridian. She decides to carry on her bird studies as best she can in this new environment.

Her husband's work product is finally revealed and the resultant huge loss of life is justified by many (all over the world) as it supposedly ends the war. The moral and ethical questions that arise from this immense, destructive force are many and complicated. Her husband accepts a job in Los Alamos and, although she has some misgivings, Meridian decides to stay with him.

Years go by, and through her work, she meets a younger man, a veteran, living an unencumbered lifestyle. She finds herself changing: her ideas, her beliefs, and her plans for the future. She starts to question all aspects of her life and relationships. She is in a period of great self-discovery.

I enjoyed reading this novel and following the changes that took place in Meridian's life. In the current time period we often forget how very different life was for women in the past. How little control they had to make their own choices and have their voices heard. This is an example of a woman who wanted a different life than many of her friends and in many ways achieved that life.

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Please see below for the reports from our SIS Scholarship winners!

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Check the Tidbits!

Look below for a job opportunity and announcements/events from our members!

Upcoming Meeting

When: TBD August 2016

Time: TBD

Where: TBD

Program: TBD

Cost: \$5-10.50, optional, see meeting page below for info

RSVP: <http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting>

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April Meeting Overview

Speaker Dave Thomas, USF, introduced 'Digital Humanities,' a field of experimental digital tools used to organize and possibly analyze data. He displayed some of the tools him and his students use to collate data (web scrapers, spider bots, data extraction software) as well as some of the projects they have been working on. The meeting served as a great introduction to an emerging science.

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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Meeting photos can be found here:

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Tidbits

The Library and Information Resources Network (LIRN), a nonprofit consortium serving private education since 1996, seeks creative and flexible professionals to join our organization as librarian team members. LIRN librarians provide training, product consulting, and reference assistance to consortium members.

We are looking for resourceful, dynamic individuals with vision and initiative to help us expand our growing librarian service. Successful candidates will work independently and collaboratively with our team and play many roles in our organization. This is an exciting opportunity for you to innovate and grow professionally while working with a wide variety of schools and developing practices to effectively serve students in diverse locations.

Required Qualifications

- American Library Association (ALA)-accredited Master's degree
- Excellent written, oral and technical skills
- Commitment to customer service
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to work effectively in a collaborative and culturally diverse environment
- Familiarity with ACRL information literacy standards/frameworks
- Experience with teaching, training, presenting, or instructing
- Experience providing research assistance
- Ability to work independently within a team context
- Familiarity with database selection and evaluation
- Ability to help members match available resources to their programs

Desired Qualifications

- Experience with instruction via webinars
- Experience creating instructional videos and promotional materials
- Academic experience in traditional and/or nontraditional degree and certificate programs
- Expertise in business and/or medical resources
- Experience working with trade, career, and certificate programs
- Experience with electronic services and tools
- Ability to travel to conferences and events to represent our organization
- Experience with social networking
- Ability to work a modified work week to serve members in a variety of time zones
- Multilingual

Compensation and Benefits

- Competitive salary
- Comprehensive benefits package including company-sponsored medical, dental, vision, and disability
- Company-sponsored involvement in professional organizations
- Opportunities for professional growth activities

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Application review will begin May 13, 2016

To apply, submit application letter and resume or vita to careers@lirn.net. Please combine all application materials into one document, preferably a PDF. Include your first and last name in the file name and email subject line.

- SIS member, **Alicia Long has been selected (along with other librarians from Manatee and Sarasota) to be in an initial cohort of 30 people who will become facilitators in an initiative of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading in Manatee and Sarasota counties (sponsored by the Patterson Foundation)**. The initiative includes promoting "Mind in the Making", a program that is based on brain development research about how children learn in the first years of life. The training will teach parents, childcare providers, preschool teachers, etc. seven basic skills that can be presented to children through games, activities, communication, and other opportunities in daily life. The initial group will be trained May 10-12 and workshops to families and teachers will start in libraries and other community organizations soon after that. More info: <http://www.gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net/blog/>

Events

- **A local author's event** will be in **Wesley Chapel** on Saturday May 21st at the **Wiregrass Barnes & Noble** store 28152 Paseo Drive Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. It is usually on the second floor.

There are usually about 24-26 authors covering a range of genres - YA, mystery, horror, fantasy, sci-fi, travel, history, how-to, spiritual, etc.

SIS member, Paul Wartenberg will be there to promote his published book Last of the Grapefruit Wars as well as his online e-published works. He will hopefully be sitting with fellow authors who contribute to a series of humor / horror anthologies called Strangely Funny, as they have a latest edition (volume 3) just coming out in print!

SIS's 2016 FLA Conference Scholarship Winner's Reports

**Paul Wartenberg
Florida Library Association conference
Daytona Beach, FL
1 – 3 March, 2016**

I attended this year's conference for both the professional instruction as well as performing my duties as member of the FLA Outcomes and Standards committee.

Regarding the work on the state-wide standards: the committee completed a revised version for 2015 that the FLA advisory board approved this year. Our steps this year include creating a checklist to track the Outcomes we hope to accomplish for libraries using the Standards, and getting public libraries of various sizes and organization – small city, large city, county cooperative, countywide system – to test these Standards as pilot libraries.

The committee met on Wednesday, March 2nd to discuss and confirm our agenda, and to determine how we would make our full presentation to the conference the following Thursday, March 3rd. At the presentation, I assisted in the presentation of the document and our

committee's plans for this year. I also answered questions alongside committee members from the audience.

I also accepted the role of Vice Chair for the Standards committee this year. This means I am expected to take on the Chair duties the coming year (2017), which will continue this project.

At the conference itself, I attended the Opening Session and speech by visiting speaker Four-Star General Ann Dunwoody who spoke on Leadership.

The conference sessions I attended covered:

- Cooperating with Local Schools: a presentation on outreach from libraries to schools regarding programs, shared activities, and education.
- The Mystery Writer's Breakfast: to listen to local mystery authors about their craft, and to find out how libraries can schedule and arrange local author events and book fairs.
- Flipping Library Instruction on Its Head: to see about how community colleges are coping with library and research instruction classes, to see about teaching techniques that might apply to the public library instructional classes I offer here at Bartow.
- The FLA Committee "Speed Dating" event: as a representative of the Standards Committee, I interviewed with prospective FLA members about our committee's work and how we were looking for new members.
- Writers Corner Connecting Local Authors: another outreach program about getting writers using library resources and getting libraries working with the creative communities in their areas.

I took photos and blogged about them on my site at <http://wittylibrarian.blogspot.com/2016/03/documenting-fla-conference-2016.html>

Sila Lott
Florida Library Association conference
Daytona Beach, FL
1 – 3 March, 2016

In March of 2016, I attended my first library conference, the Florida Library Association (FLA) Conference in Daytona. I was accepted to present at CyberZone in tandem with one of the members of my research team, Jules Bailey. We presented the digital research tool that we and our fellow Reference Associates (Danielle Cram and Tariq Rahaman) have developed at Florida State University libraries. The goal of our tool is to target digital native user needs by providing a quick, simple, one-stop-shop in a modern web and mobile layout. The title of our presentation was, "Research Help Now: Web and Mobile Research Tool."

Thanks to the conference, I have had the opportunity to learn much. The experience of CyberZone has allowed me to hone in on appropriate skills and techniques when it comes to presenting and has helped me gain valuable knowledge on effective presentation. In addition to this advantage, I had the opportunity to socially and professionally network. I saw many familiar faces, but also met new people, made new connections, and shared and gathered valuable and innovative information and ideas. It is enlightening to see how other libraries have gone about solving or tackling different problems in the libraries, whether it is to help meet user needs, or to improve the resources available at the library, or even to simplify the librarian and support staff experience with new and proven effective methods. It provides perspective to your own library experience and allows you to take away new approaches. I am able to confidently

walk away from this experience feeling the connections I made and the knowledge and ideas I have gained at my time at FLA 2016 will better prepare me for my future goals and endeavors.

I thank the Suncoast Information Specialists (SIS) for helping make this experience possible for me. As a young mom, I often have to turn down opportunities outside of the budget, but with the support of SIS you have helped make this goal a reality for me. You have been a stepping-stone to my professional development and for that I am very grateful. With your generosity, you help make opportunities possible for many. Thank you for the lasting impression. I look forward to a positive year to come.



(L to R) Danielle Cram, Sila Lott, Jules Bailey, and Tariq Rahaman at Cyberzone, Daytona FLA 2016.

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Program: Speaker Alison Lighthall Miller, a psych nurse with many years experience, her specialty is PTSD.

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June Meeting Overview

The evening's speakers were Olivia Wilson, Head of Youth Services, and Phyllis Gorshe, Director, from Dunedin Public Library. This library was founded in 1895, making it the oldest in Pinellas County. Originally a resident-created Victorian lending library with around 200 books; the library still has records of the books famous Dunedin residents had checked out.

Phyllis and Olivia presented some pretty unique offerings Dunedin Public Library provides to their community. With a seed library, 17 Little Free Library boxes, support for local businesses, and many offerings for teens, the Dunedin Public Library makes a big difference in their community.

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Tidbits

Just a reminder for any library with a community of self-publishing authors in their midst, Library Journal's Self-E has an Indie Ebook Award program going until July 31st. It covers anyone who has direct-market ebooks - Kindle Direct, Nook Press, Smashwords, others - and it involves uploading those works to the Self-E database.

<https://library-journal.biblioboard.com/?promotionId=a88e92ef-35ac-496f-9d9c-396d8c734d93>

SIS's 2016 ALA Conference Scholarship Winner's Reports

ALA 2016 Conference Summary Jaime M. Goldman

I am very grateful for the support from the Suncoast Information Specialists (SIS) that enabled me to attend the 2016 American Library Association (ALA) conference this year! I found the conference to be an educational and rewarding event, and am so appreciative that I was able to attend as one of the SIS Scholarship winners. This was my first ALA conference, and thanks to the support of the SIS scholarship I was able to learn and experience so much as a first time attendee!

As a first time ALA attendee, I was a bit overwhelmed by the scope and span of the conference, especially by the daunting task of selecting the best presentations and programs that fit my librarian track. I have to commend ALA on their wonderful website and mobile app! These valuable tools helped me to plan out my entire conference and to streamline my selections for sessions. There were so many quality sessions to pick from, that I often had multiple sessions on my schedule during the same time slots! I was hesitant to select sessions held in different venues, as the conference was held across 2 concourses of the convention center and at several hotel conference centers, but all were within walking distance and connected by walking bridges, or you could opt to take an air-conditioned bus if the heat was too much! With the small breaks between sessions, I found that I was able to get to most of my next sessions at different locations in a timely manner.

The opening general session featuring Michael Eric Dyson was an invigorating start to the 2016 conference, and I enjoyed hearing about how libraries positively impacted his life and listening to him deliver his talk in a spoken word performance type format. Following the opening session, the exhibits hall opened with their opening reception. I heard from other ALA veterans that the exhibit hall can be overwhelming, but I was not prepared for the rows upon rows of vendors and booths! I have to admit that I did get turned around a few times, but after a few days, started to get the lay of the land. It was wonderful to run into many vendor reps that I knew, and to meet news ones or ones in person that I had only ever emailed with. They even provided areas to sit down and meet privately one-on-one to talk about your library and its needs, which was very helpful.

My first full day of the conference was full of informational and insightful sessions. As I work in an academic research library, I opted for many of the ACRL programs or programs on data management and scholarly communications, which were plentiful. Having used the ALA site and app, I was able to access and save the slides from many of the presentations, and following the conference, the audio recordings as well. This was especially very useful for sessions that I could not make due to conflicts with other sessions at the same time, and enabled me to learn more than my time allowed at the conference! I tried to attend a variety of different session formats, including roundtables, panels, presentations, and poster sessions, all of which

were valuable and rewarding. I especially enjoyed the interaction and collaboration that resulted from the ACRL Science & Technology Section poster session. Overall at the sessions I learned about a myriad of topics, including open education resources; librarian/university partnerships; instructional design; personal librarian programs; data services, management, and visualization; finding meaning in metrics; promoting library services and increasing visibility; using data to guide strategic planning processes and collection development; tech tools; and more! My head is still swimming with all of the new ideas and inspiration I took away from this ALA conference.

I was fortunate enough to be able to stay through the last day of the conference and attend the closing general session featuring Jamie Lee Curtis. I have to admit that prior to this conference, I was not aware that she was a New York Times bestselling children's book author! I really enjoyed her session and she was both dynamic and engaging. She is a staunch supporter of libraries and talked about taking her children to their local library. It was a wonderful note to end my first ALA conference journey on, and to get one final takeaway - a free, signed copy of her latest book!

I am grateful to SIS for this opportunity to attend my first ALA conference. I have worked in libraries for 15 years, and as a librarian for the last 6 years, and had not had the opportunity to attend an ALA conference until now. Thank you for your support! I cannot wait to start implementing all of the new ideas and initiatives I learned about at ALA!

ALA 2016 Conference Summary Carrie Cullen

I am grateful to Suncoast Information Specialists for granting me the opportunity to attend the 2016 ALA annual conference in Orlando. It is challenging to summarize my time there, as I had so many fantastic experiences in rapid succession. I learned of exciting digital initiatives in schools across the nation, how librarians can make our voices heard and influence the future of higher education, how academic libraries can better serve the whole student by connecting students with social services, and I even got a quick lesson on how to plan a professional conference.

After attending so many entertaining and informative sessions, it was a bit of a surprise that my most valuable and memorable experiences at the conference were the social events. Not only was the networking itself worthwhile, but these events also gave me a chance to speak with others about the sessions I attended, and hear their feedback as well. I was lucky to have inspiring conversations with people from all over the country, even one from the National Library of Medicine, which was quite exciting for this aspiring medical librarian!

Looking back on the conference, the theme that emerged was that as librarians, we must take the initiative and go where we are needed, rather than waiting for an invitation. I was particularly inspired by the story of Andrew Aydin, who refused to give up on his dream of creating a comic book to bring the story of civil rights leader John Lewis' life to the younger generations. I saw this determination in many of the featured speakers – those who created truly innovative programs in their libraries and made real differences in their communities did not walk an easy road. But, they believed in their mission and persevered. Although the work we do may take a different form than the social activism of Representative Lewis, we would do well to heed his advice and get into a little “good trouble, necessary trouble,” every now and then.

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Special Thanks

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Upcoming Meeting

When: Friday, 14 October 2016

Time: 5:30-8:30pm

Where: Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
1505 Nebraska Ave
Tampa, Florida 33602

Program: SIS 30th Anniversary with speaker Gene Coppola, Director of Palm Harbor Library, Ensuring Your Library is a Player at the Community Table.

Cost: \$5, see meeting page below for info

RSVP: <http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting>

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August Meeting Overview

Brooke Stewart, MacDill Puppy Raiser, presented on her experience with raising Bogan, a future Southeastern Guide Dog. Her and Bogan experienced all kinds of places and things to get him familiar with different environments and people. Movie theaters, pools, buses, restaurants, animal farms..etc! Bogan was one lucky pup!

Brooke and her MacDill Puppy Raisers are participants of the Paws for Patriots program; their dogs go to military veterans. She explained her Army history and how she became aware of SE Guide Dogs and what is needed to become a Puppy Raiser. Around 40% of dogs enrolled become guide dogs, the ones who do not make it become facility dogs or therapy dogs.

Check out their website for more information on how to support this amazing group: <https://www.guidedogs.org/>

Meeting minutes can be found here:
<http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting/minutes>

Meeting photos (of puppy hugging!) can be found here:
<http://www.suninfospec.org/photos>

Tidbits

- With the **race for our next president pedaling at lightening speed**, it might be a **good time to take a break** and check out some of our past presidents. Tampa Bay Times wrote an article providing a **quick glimpse of 13 presidential libraries where documents and archives are stored** for public research and study. The bonus? **The libraries and their grounds are beyond beautiful.**

Read more here: <http://www.tampabay.com/features/travel/take-a-trip-through-time-at-the-nations-presidential-libraries/2289981>

- **Like blogs?** Do you have room for 16 more? **Library of Congress has a fantastic series of blogs** that are definitely worth checking out.

Find them here: <https://blogs.loc.gov/>

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Upcoming Meeting

When: 13 December, Tuesday

Time: 7:00pm-???pm

Where: Hofbräuhaus
123 4th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Directions: <http://www.hofbrauhausstpetersburg.com/>

Program: Networking and social gathering of Suncoast Information Specialists and friends. This meeting will be a time to gather with other members and enjoy the holiday season. Guests are invited to join us.

Cost: This is a dutch treat event, with each person ordering food and/or drinks from the [menu](#).

RSVP: <http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting>

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October Meeting Overview

Thanks so much to everyone who made it to Suncoast Information Specialist's 30th Anniversary Celebration! Great food, wonderful desserts, and an enlightening discussion with speaker Gene Coppola was enjoyed by all who attended.

Would you like to leave an anniversary greeting? Please check out the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1Mg8CqHnEG7cijfZMdW8jHOILRZ4fCjysnlwgSrYz637xug/viewform>

Meeting photos can be found here and on our Facebook page:

<https://goo.gl/photos/PeeT9bvvDNJyNzRF7>

Tidbits

- The **Manatee County Public Library System** published a **print anthology** of its **online literary and arts journal, 805**. The anthology includes art, fiction, nonfiction, and poetry from emerging artists and authors in Florida and worldwide. **Copies can be purchased for \$10 at www.805lit.org/anthology.**

MCPLS has presented 805 at the ALA 2016 Conference, and articles about 805 have appeared in *Poets & Writers Magazine*, *Florida Libraries Journal*, *Strategic Library*. **Anyone can submit their work to 805 for free at www.805lit.org.**

- **Jessica Szempruch**, Library Specialist at University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, **has been selected for the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders program!**

Only 50 applicants are chosen annually for the distinguished year-long appointment. Jessica will travel to Atlanta in January for ALA Midwinter convention where she'll begin working with a small project team to research a topic of importance to the Association. Later, at ALA Annual in Chicago, the group will be present a poster and discuss their findings. Jessica is honored to have been chosen to participate in this program with other librarians from across the nation.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/10/american-library-association-announces-emerging-leader-participants-class>

Job Announcements

Educator – Training Opportunity with ByWater Solutions

Our team is made up of a small and close knit group of technology specialists who work in a family oriented environment that places a great deal of attention on quality of life and satisfaction with one's job. A Koha Educator here at ByWater, travels the US, meets new people from around the world, and is a leader in change management for new partners moving to Koha (an Open Source ILS) from their current ILS system.

We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and can represent the open source community and ByWater Solutions. Someone who can deliver a comprehensive training experience to new ByWater partners and bring fresh and creative ideas to our team. You will work with members of the ByWater team on additional marketing materials such as videos, webinars, tutorials, and blog posts. In addition to training new partners, you will also support our current partners via our support portal providing customer support assistance by ways of a ticketing system and refresher webinars/videos.

This job might be for you if:

- You enjoy talking to people, getting to know different libraries and have a desire to cater their training experience to fit their library's needs.
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- You communicate clearly. You write well. You speak eloquently. You are comfortable communicating on the phone, in person, on video, and in email.
- You are comfortable in directing change management. You listen to concerns and are able to coach people through any resistance to change that they might be experiencing.
- You are motivated and fearless. You are able to come up with ideas and try them out and if the idea doesn't work you don't give up.
- You are self directed and are able to effectively work from home (experience working from home is a plus) and manage your time and responsibilities (webinars, tickets, etc) along with being sufficient at planning and organize travel arrangements.
- You love to travel and are able to travel 60% of the time.

If this sounds like you then come join our team!

Please send a cover letter where you briefly describe your training philosophy along with your resume to Melissa Lefebvre (melissa@bywatersolutions.com).

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